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REPLY TO THE ATTENTION OF

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July 3, 2003

Mr. Jack Train  
Archstone Smith  
2345 Crystal Drive  
Arlington, VA 22202

RE: Parcel O, Lakeshore East Development

Dear Mr. Train:

Thank you for the information you recently provided to me regarding Parcel O located at approximately 221 N. Columbus Drive in Chicago. As you are aware, radioactively contaminated soils were present at levels that required cleanup at the Lakeshore East property immediately adjacent to your property.

U.S. EPA understands that, in the next month or so, you plan to remove asphalt from the property and plant grass. Given your proximity to the Lakeshore East property, U.S. EPA is concerned that subsurface radioactive soils may be present at your property. Intact asphalt and fill shield underlying radioactive material. Removing the asphalt would expose soils that may or may not be radioactively contaminated.

U.S. EPA recommends that, prior to asphalt removal, you conduct a radiation walk over survey of your property to determine whether there are any elevated readings that might indicate the presence of subsurface radioactive material. Additionally, U.S. EPA recommends that once you remove the asphalt, you perform another gamma scan over the exposed soils, and if elevated areas of radiation are identified, take soil samples for radionuclide identification and quantification. This should be done under a health and safety plan with disposal of any radioactive materials at a regulated disposal facility.

If you would like to discuss this matter further, please contact me at (312) 886-5123. Please direct any legal questions to Cathleen Martwick, Associate Regional Counsel, at (312) 886-7166.

Sincerely,

*Fredrick A. Micke*

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